NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Office of Accreditation

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jmassey@mde.k12.ms.us Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: MS Code 37-17-6 Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2008 **Date Rule Proposed:** June 20, 2008 Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: To revise the Accreditation Policies and Process Standards published in the 2007 edition of *Mississippi* Public School Accountability Standards, including all Appendicies and the Glossary. The proposed revisions are enclosed. The revised Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2008 will be effective for school year 2008-2009. The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address. An oral proceeding was held on this rule: {Insert Date} Date: Time: {Insert Time} Place: {Insert Place} An oral proceeding was not held on this rule. The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule. This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule. The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are: Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question. The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Jean Massey, Director Office of Accreditation

Effective Date of Rule: July 25, 2008